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**Subject:** RE: UIC updates for Jag and Greg  
**Attachments:** Aquifer Exemption Workgroup

Darcy,

NMA update: We spoke to Powertech and WDEQ/Class III permitting team regarding alternative approaches. My idea to use statistics based on drilled boreholes was perceived too burdensome, but the discussion has led to additional ideas and LQD has agreed to go back to their records and look more closely at their data.

There was another National UIC AE call last month to discuss the results of a HQ questionnaire about how AEs are granted (which is attached). R8, as no surprise, allows for the smallest area to be exempted. The product of these continued discussion is to develop guidelines. I doubt they'll have the specificity that R8 would like to have.

Will continue to provide monthly or touch point updates, Wendy

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**From:** O'Connor, Darcy <oconnor.darcy@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 30, 2020 12:38 PM  
**To:** Minter, Douglas <Minter.Douglas@epa.gov>; Cheung, Wendy <Cheung.Wendy@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** UIC updates for Jag and Greg

Afternoon – I hope you are both doing well. I have an update meeting with the RAs office this afternoon and wanted to check in on the WY Class VI notice – I think yesterday was the deadline for someone to request a hearing – did we get a request?

Wendy – I'm approaching a month on my last update to Jag on the WY mining association questions on AEs. I'd appreciate any updates early next week to provide to him by Wednesday.

Thanks!  
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